

Claim No 133.

Under Article 4. Treaty of 11th June 1866.
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Sam Melford, aged about 60, a Freedman of the Creek Nation, and a loyal refugee, being duly examined and sworn. (he understanding and conversing in the English language) deposes and says. Whilst living on his place on the Verdigris about 15 miles from Creek Agency, and sometime in December 1862 he was compelled by the Rebels to fly from and abandon his home and property: that he fled to Gibson, taking with him his wife and fifteen children, and remained there, refugees, until the close of the war. That at the time of his flight he owned and possessed, and necessarily left behind and abandoned -

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| 2 | Two horses | valued at | \$ 100. |
| 30 | Thirty hogs | do | 150. |

Total value two hundred fifty dollars. \$ 250.-

And never afterwards recovered the same, or any part of the same. - Further with noh.

Sam Melford.

His
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mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me at the Creek Agency. C. M. this 11th of November 1869

[Signature]

Attest. Oct 2nd. Ant. Sup. Ind. Affs. S. O. Supt. Ind.

The undersigned, Sampson Pond, and Tyler Lewis, Freedmen of the Creek Nation, loyal refugees, being, jointly, duly examined and sworn. (They understanding and conversing in the English language.) do depose and say: They are not interested in the above claim of Sam Melford in any pecuniary manner whatever: that they have heard the foregoing affidavit read to them and know its contents to be true and correct in every particular. They further say, that they know, of their own knowledge, the said Sam Melford did, at the time of his flight from home, own and possess the horses and hogs stated in his deposition, and that he did necessarily abandon and lose the same - Further these deponents do not say.

Sampson Pond.

Tyler Lewis.

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me at the Creek Agency, Ok., this 11th of November A.D. 1869.

J. O. Oelup
Stat Secy of Asst Supr Affairs
for Supply

Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant: The amount claimed, however, is, in some instances, considered excessive. - Upon inquiry, it is found, the values of the different kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:

Horses -

\$25.00 Each.

Hogs -

2.00 "

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant Sam Melford, One hundred and ten dollars.

\$110⁰⁰/₁₀₀

J. P. H. Ayers

Brigadier Major General U. S. Army.

Supt. Indian Affairs. Southern Superintendency

Patience

Captain U. S. Army.

Creek Agent